

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): STARK, Emil  
SERIAL NO.: 10/553,712  
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FOR: Quick action clamping cylinder with a simplified structure  
ART UNIT: 3723  
EXAMINER: Robert C. Watson

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement dated October 23, 2007, Applicant hereby elects with traverse Species I (Clamping cylinder), shown *inter alia* in Figs. 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14. Currently, claim 23 is generic to the elected species. Claims 23-38, 45 are readable on such Figures.

**Background**

The Examiner states that the species listed as Groups I and II are independent or distinct because they have mutually exclusive characteristics. He required from Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.